



On the Plains

Idalia News

Idalia School News

The Rocky Mountain News recently published its list of excellent schools in Colorado and Idalia Jr./Sr. High School ranked in the top five.

The third grade students received dictionaries from Burlington Rotary Club. Dictionaries were given to third graders in the surrounding area by the organization as a community service project. This is the second year the school has received dictionaries and they are greatly appreciated.

Idalia boys and girls basketball teams played Otis at Idalia Friday and won all their games. Idalia boys and girls played Kit Carson Saturday starting at 3 p.m. the boys won and the girls lost.

Death

Alma Catherine Clark born July 15, 1921, Idalia, died Jan. 24, 2004 at Edward, Colo. Officiating the service was Reverend Ralph Datema, Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 10:30 a.m. Escorts were Danny Brenner, Dennis Brenner, Raymond Helling, Junior Weisshaar, Dan Query, Jason Query. Honary Escorts were Bradford Clark, Julie Query, Bryan Clark, Jordan Query, Sha Ron Selby, Kristin Williams. Organist was Robbin Sneddon; soloist, Bill Carpenter. Burial was at St. John Cemetery, Idalia, Colo. Arrangements were by Brenner Funeral Home at Akron, Colo.

Death

Jo Norman, mother of Joni Dutton, died Tuesday and service was scheduled at Trinity Lutheran Church at Burlington Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

Death

Pastor Ralph Datema sister-in-law died and cards can be mailed to him at 1790 Lowell Avenue, Burlington, Colo. 80807.

Birthday

Breann Shaffer celebrated her third birthday on Thursday, Jan. 22, her family and her went to Pizza Hut for supper that night. Then on Sunday, Jan. 25 they had a birthday dinner hosted by her parents, Theron and Kelly and to help her celebrate were her brothers Landon and Riley and sister Reagan. She had a Dora the Explorer birthday cake.

Super Bowl Party

Gabriel and Logan Ramseier hosted a Super Bowl party at their home Sunday evening with fifteen attending that brought snacks with pizza furnished and had a good time. The mothers came afterwards to pick up their children and visited. Mark and Sherri Ramseier were chaperones.

Women of the Community

Women of the community, if you would be willing to provide a casserole, salad or dessert if there is a funeral dinner, please call Jerry Weisshaar, Betty E. Moellenberg or Deb Crites to add your name to the list. This non-denominational service is offered to every community family and we would appreciate your help in updating our food list.

St. John

United Church of Christ

St. John United Church of Christ invites everyone to come join them. Sunday school for all ages is at 10 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m. with communion.

Feb. 7, Christian Blocks at 7 p.m. at the church; Feb. 11, sewing and quilting at 9:30 a.m. Bring a sack lunch or order out. Womens fellowship meeting at 1 p.m.; Feb. 15, youth sponsors Valentine Dinner is at 6 p.m.

Notice

There will be a workshop Feb. 5 at Millie Brandon Greenhouse making Valentine candles with Judy Wieser as the teacher. There will be a small charge for material used. Call the school for a reservation. Everyone is welcome to attend. It will be held at 6:30 p.m.

Father Woody's Christmas Dinner

On Dec. 15, EPYCS members along with sponsors Jim Rittenhouse and Max and Linda Shively, joined in serving the Denver Community once again at Father Woody's Annual Christmas dinner for the homeless at the Adam's Mark Hotel. In previous years the group served food from the kitchen or right to the people in the ballroom, but this year they were awarded with the jobs of elves, just as time-old name reveals, they gathered gifts and handed them out to the homeless people who attended the dinner.

When they arrived and signed in, they joined about 50 other volunteer teens and adults and "Ladies of Charity." They separated gift bags of brand new items by age group and gender in large meeting rooms at the hotel. Then they joined the entire group and in groups of two, they were assigned to a "Lady of Charity," who took gift orders for them to fill. They spent the afternoon gathering gifts which they delivered to the homeless men, women and children. Adults received clothing and the children under twelve years received clothing and a toy. By the end of the afternoon as the dinner was nearing the end many received more than just one which was fun for the elves who delivered the extra gifts because of the happiness and excitement the kids and even the adults displayed. Afterwards, they gathered all leftover gifts into bags that were then sent to the Salvation Army.

Although the trip was well spent giving back to the homeless men, women and children with food and gifts. They had hoped to visit Golden High School and attend classes on the following Monday, but due to the weather, they were unable to do so. Regardless of this, all eighteen members enjoyed their opportunity to serve a time to share our own good graces with the less fortunate.

Heritage Park

Idalia's EPYCS Chapter continues to be busy with the Heritage Park raising funds, finalizing the lighting diagram, planning displays and making future plans for the project. Just before Christmas, the officers (president Candice Walkinshaw, vice president Chris Devlin, secretary Jody Rittenhouse and treasurer Valerie Reeves) met with Idalia Vision Foundation Board of Directors to request a financial contribution. At the same time, the proposal writing committee was working on a request to the Kitzmiller-Bales Trust and the Gerber Trust. The group has received grants from Vision Foundation, the Gerber Trust and the Bales-Kitzmillier Trust. These donations bring the total raised for the project to \$134,527. They have a contractor bid price of \$136,554. However, because they held a workday last fall, they demolished the old sidewalk saving \$2,000.

The group has worked closely with Erik Richardson as construction has progressed. Early in the building's

progress, they asked Mr. Richardson to add a large display case to the north wall of the building, which was done without adding to the bid price. Mr. Richardson made a few other adjustments in the original plan to the groups request at no additional charge. They have had similar luck working with the electrician (Daniel Electric) having finished the lighting diagram before the crew began work. The original plan called for bright, flat fluorescent lighting. They changed the plan, adding several track lights to accent wall displays, they added lighting in each display and they changed the fluorescent lights for recessed lighting to give a less direct lighting affect, throughout the museum areas. They added wall sconces down the main hallway for general lighting and provisions for ceiling fan lights in each copula. All these changes were a worry about going over lighting budget, a problem Steve Daniel is sensitive to. Mr. Daniel offered to donate exit lights. The next task after construction is to arrange displays. There are four display cases along the north/south walkway. The first displays will highlight the work of our major funders; the Vision Foundation, the Gerber Trust and the Kitzmiller-Bales Trust as well as the EPYCS Chapter. The remaining large display area will house the old bank window, the post office window and various artifacts they were able to obtain from Elsie Lidke's estate auction. The group plans to display work of locally created art as well as photos displayed along much of the wall area of the museum. The grant proposal committee has prepared and submitted requests to several EPYCS schools in the state to raise funds to build a display case that will house the telephone switch gear they obtained at Elsie's auction. The project is coming along, and as of this writing, sheet rock is going up and the exterior finish is under way.

Miss Sarah Beechman, daughter of Mike and Phyllis Beecham of West Pueblo underwent foot surgery Friday. She is home recuperating.

Phyllis Long was released from Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs Tuesday afternoon. Her sons Gary and Brad Long came up and drove her home in her van. Phyllis is in the Regional Medical Center at 220 W. 2nd, P.O. Box 540, Goodland, Ks. 67735, taking therapy two times a day. She would enjoy mail from relatives and friends.

Clark and Mildred Rolow visited their daughter, Phyllis Long at Regional Medical Center in Goodland Wednesday and daughter. Judy Taylor who was also a visitor.

Esther Engemoen of Fort Collins brought her sister, Alma Helling home Tuesday and they both attended Alma Clark's funeral at St. John United Church of Christ. Esther was an overnight guest of Alma and returned to Fort Collins after the funeral service. Alma had spent two months visiting her sister at Fort Collins.

Mary Ellen Hardwick took Marie Blankenship and grandson Clay to Sterling Monday for Clay's dentist appointment.

Mary Ellen Hardwick took Marie Blankenship to Greeley Tuesday for

her back check-up.

Darby Shanks took her grandmother Shanks to church Sunday and visited and enjoyed dinner at Prairie Vista Restaurant.

Reed Parker, son of Sally and Brett

By
Elsie
Shanks



Parker, senior at Idalia High School got reserve lightweight Champion Market Beef at the National Western

Stock Show in Denver last week and is a FFA member of Idalia High School.

Betty J. Moellenberg was a Wednesday afternoon visitor of Shirley and Harlan Boden.

Haigler News

By
Opal
Collicott



gram for this service.

Dusty and Gracie Wall were Saturday guests in the Richard Wall home. Super Bowl guests in the Wall home included Quentin, Merry Lu and Bob Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wall drove to Yuma, Colo., on Jan. 29, to attend a circus program at Crayon College Preschool, where their great-grandson, Logan Klein, is a student. Leopards, lions, beautiful ladies, tigers, clowns and elephants performed for the roomful of guests. Logan was one of the elephants. His grandparents, Carol and Jay Flaming, entertained Heather and Greg Klein, the Walls, and other guests for dinner at the Pizza Hut.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Webster drove to Longmont, Colo., on Sunday, Feb. 1, where they were overnight guests of their daughter, Daniela. Following an appointment in Greeley on Monday, they returned home on Monday evening.

Reverend Njenga Kariuki called early Sunday afternoon at the home of LaVoine and Opal Collicott. Other callers throughout the week were Grace Adams, Gerald Myer, and their three daughters, LaNeta Carlock, Myrna Mulligan and Galena Webster.

From the Capitol

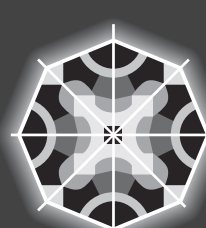
By John Faber
State Representative

Things are starting to heat up in Topeka this week. The House Agriculture Committee on Monday, will have discussion and possible action on Executive Reorganization Order 32, which would transfer inspection duties from The Kansas Department of Health and Environment to the Secretary of Agriculture. Currently both do dual inspections of certain retail stores. This is projected to save about \$1.5 million.

Also on Wednesday, the Committee on Agriculture will have a hearing on a controversial bill that would require the Livestock Commissioner to identify individual, lots and herds of livestock, register premises where livestock are located and track all livestock

movement in Kansas. It would be a fee-funded program which would mandate records be kept for all livestock, ear tags or other devices. The commissioner would be allowed to enter property where the livestock are held and review any livestock records. Penalties for violations would be not less than \$250 nor more than \$1,000 for each violation. In the case of a continuing violation, each day could be a separate violation.

Kansas Livestock Association is already pushing legislators on the committee to implement this legislation. This is indeed a peculiar position for Kansas Livestock Association to take considering its past opposition to government regulation of any kind in the livestock industry.



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Beecher Island News

By
Bessie
Dent



There were 68 at Sunday school with Jacque Ekberg giving a special number. Harold Pickard gave a summary of their 30 years at Beecher Sunday school. Jeff Hurlburt sang a song for them. Cindy Stroh and Merna Andrews gave their birthday offerings.

The Beecher Island Helping Hand Club met with Marla Rock Wednesday. The next meeting will be Feb. 4 hosted by Nancy Heath. The club is making a new cook book commemorating the 70th year of its existence. They will combine the blue and yellow books and ask all members since 1983 to please send their favorite recipe to Jeri Rose, 33426 Co. Rd. 20 1/4, Wray, CO, or bring it to club Wednesday. Check with Jeri Rose if you are interested in a book. Please bring your glue guns again and material for quilt blocks.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rose were taken to Run-Away Inn Sunday evening to celebrate their 45th anniversary by Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and girls, Pam Zuege and girls and Mrs. and Mrs. Kent Rose, Chris,

Amber and Baylee.

Mrs. Richard Wall hosted a party Sunday in honor of Richard's 84th birthday. Helping him celebrate were Mr. and Mrs. Jay Flaming, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Wall, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simmons and Quentin, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Perila and girls, Amber Simmons, Wendy and Blaine Lee, Dusty Wall, Sidney and Gracie, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Klein and Logan and Mr. and Mrs. Royal Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allen and Greg Allen met Mr. and Mrs. Josh Harwood in Burlington Wednesday for lunch. The Harwoods were enroute to South Carolina.

Donna Dodge and Fran Crites visited Violet Brown Tuesday.

Jessica and Logan Willard spent Wednesday to Friday with Jacque Ekberg and Austin Willard spent the time with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Willard while their parents were out of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield had lunch Sunday with Jean Brenner in Idalia.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Heath had lunch

with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family attended the Stock Show last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen visited Mr. and Mrs. Berl Allen Saturday evening.

Merry Lu Simmons met Shea and Amber Simmons in Fort Morgan Thursday. Amber returned home with Merry Lu to spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Perila and girls spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dent visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield Thursday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield and Monte Mansfield were afternoon visitors.

Don Dye of Imperial, Neb., visited Violet Brown Wednesday afternoon.

Amber Simmons returned home Sunday with the Perilas to spend the night with Laura and Madison.